

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Mr. Brannon Berry (b) (6)

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request - EPA-HQ-2017-002749

Dear Mr. Berry:

This is in response to your request for a fee waiver in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeking records/data relating to fipronil incidents reported to Incident Data System (IDS) after November 30, 2010.

We have reviewed your request, and based on the information provided in your letter, we are denying your request for a fee waiver. You have not expressed a specific intent to disseminate the information to the general public. As a result of you failing to meet the above criteria, accordingly, there is no need to address the remaining prongs of the fee waiver criteria.

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) will be responding to your information request. You have been placed in the "commercial" fee category, and will be charged for the costs of search and review time and duplication. If the estimated costs exceed \$25.00, OCSPP will contact you regarding the cost of processing your request and seek an assurance of payment. They will be unable to process your request until they receive your assurance of payment

We have also reviewed your submission for expedited processing and based on the information provided, we are denying your request for expedited processing as you have failed to demonstrate that there is a threat to someone's life or physical safety. Your request will be processed as expeditiously as possible by OCSPP.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The

appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Should you choose to appeal this determination, please be sure to fully address all factors required by EPA's FOIA Regulations, located at 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(1) in your appeal.

Singerely,

Larry F. Gottesman Agency FOIA Officer